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C. Information may be disclosed to the appropriate Federal, state, local, foreign or other public authority responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, or order where PSA becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of civil or criminal law or regulation.

D. To provide information relating to DC defendants and offenders to Federal, local and state courts, court personnel, prosecutors, defense attorneys, corrections, probation, parole, and other pretrial officials to the extent necessary to permit them to accomplish their assigned duties in any criminal matter, unless otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.

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RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Information will be retained for 5 years after disposition of charge(s).

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Dated: June 20, 2003.

Paul A. Quander, Jr.,

Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Fiscal Year 2003 Revised Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) Adjusted Standardized Amounts (ASAs) for Other Areas

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of revised DRG ASA rates for other areas.

SUMMARY: This notice informs readers of a change made to the TRICARE DRG-based payment system in order to conform to a change made to the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS). The FY 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Act equalized the large urban and other urban ASAs under Medicare's Prospective Payment System (PPS). The TRICARE DRG-based payment system is modeled on the Medicare PPS, therefore it is necessary to revise the TRICARE ASA rates for

other areas to conform to the Medicare PPS change. The updated ASA rates for other areas are accessible through the Internet at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil> under the sequential headings TRICARE Provider Information, Rates and Reimbursements, and DRG Information.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The revised ASA rates for other areas under the TRICARE DRG-based payment system are effective for admissions occurring on or after April 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Maxey, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TMA, telephone (303) 676-3627.

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L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Cost Sharing in Department of Defense Research Programs Using Assistance Instruments

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) proposes to issue a DoD Instruction on the use of cost sharing in basic, applied, and advanced research projects carried out through grants and other assistance instruments. The purposes of the DoD Instruction are to ensure that cost sharing is used appropriately and to make awarding offices' cost sharing policies and practices clear to potential proposers. The DoD Instruction will provide consistent policies and procedures for assistance instruments awarded under the many research programs of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and other Defense Agencies. The draft DoD Instruction is available on the Director of Defense Research and Engineering Web site located at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ddre/research/draftcostsharing.pdf>.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Dr. Anne Matsuura, DoD Basic Research Office, 4015 Wilson Blvd., Suite 216, Arlington, VA 22203. Comments may be submitted via e-mail (Anne_Matsuura@onr.navy.mil).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Anne Matsuura, DoD Basic Research Office, at (703) 696-2530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Over the past few years, research performers have expressed concern to Federal awarding agencies about their cost sharing policies and practices. In the late 1990s, for example, the Committee of Science of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) received comment on cost sharing when it conducted a review designed to find ways to relieve unnecessary sources of stress on the Government-university research partnership. Comments from universities suggested a need for clearer and more consistent agency policies on cost sharing practices and expectations. As a result of the NSTC review, the President issued Executive Order 13185 in December 2000 to establish guiding principles and operating principles for the research partnership between universities and Federal agencies. (The Executive order can be found at http://www.ostp.gov/html/011001_3.html. One operating principle is that Federal "agency cost sharing policies and practices must be transparent." The Executive order refers to the full explanation of this operating principle in the April 1999 NSTC report entitled "Renewing the Government-University Partnership."

"As in any investment partnership, each partner contributes to the research endeavor. While the primary contribution of universities is the intellectual capital of the researchers' ideas, knowledge, and creativity, it is sometimes appropriate for universities to share in the costs of the research (and in some cases cost sharing is required by statute). Cost sharing can be appropriate when there are compelling policy reasons for it, such as in programs whose principal purpose is to build infrastructure and enhance an awardee's institution's ability to compete for future Federal awards. Cost sharing is rarely appropriate when an awardee is acting solely as a supplier of goods or services to the government since this would entail a university subsidy of goods purchased by the government. If agency funds are not sufficient to cover the costs of a research project, the agency and the university should re-examine the scope of the project, unless there are compelling policy reasons to require university cost sharing. Agencies should be clear about their cost sharing policies and announce when and how sharing will figure in selection processes, including explicit information regarding the amount of cost sharing expected."

The cost sharing issue arose again after the Congress enacted the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106–107). That law requires Federal agencies to streamline and simplify the award and administration of Federal grants. It also mandates that agencies obtain input from the affected public. Comments that Federal agencies received from grant applicants and recipients pointed out a need for agency action on cost sharing, reinforcing the earlier findings of the NSTC review.

The Department of Defense, which is active in the leadership of the interagency streamlining efforts under Public Law 106–107 and helped develop the guiding and operating principles set forth in Executive Order 13185, proposes to address cost sharing for assistance instruments through a DoD Instruction. This Instruction for assistance instruments will parallel and complement action the Department already has taken to address cost sharing issues for research and development contracts (a DoD policy memorandum of May 16, 2001, established a policy, since incorporated into paragraph E1.1.6 of DoD Directive 5000.1, that prohibits contractor cost sharing if there is no reasonable probability of commercial applications).

The proposed Instruction for assistance instruments would disseminate guidance for program managers and grants officers in research program offices in the DoD Components. The guidance is drafted in plain language, in a question-and-answer format. The intent is to establish an easily understood DoD-wide policy framework to help ensure that proposers and research performers receive consistent, as well as fair and equitable, treatment on cost sharing matters. We invite input from potential proposers and performers of DoD basic, applied, and advanced research efforts to help us improve the proposed Instruction and better achieve this goal.

Dated: June 20, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Air Force Personnel Center, Personnel Procurement and Development Divisions, announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Considerations will be given to all comments received by August 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to United States Air Force Personnel Center, Line Officer Programs Section, 550C Street West, Ste 10, Randolph AFB TX 78150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call United States Air Force Personnel Center, Line Officer Programs Section, (210) 665–2102.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application & Evaluation For Training Leading To A Commission In The United States Air Force, Air Force Form 56, OMB Number 0701–0001.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain data on candidate's background and aptitude in determining eligibility and selection to the Air Force Academy.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 21,000.

Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 180 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Information contained on Air Force Form 56 supports the Air Force's

selection for officer training programs for civilian and military applicants. Each student's background and aptitude is reviewed to determine eligibility. If the information on this form is not collected the individual cannot be considered for admittance to a commissioning program. Data from this form is used to select fully qualified persons for the training leading to commissioning. Data supports the Air Force in verifying the eligibility of applicants and in the selection of those best qualified for dedication of funding and training resources. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36–2013.

Pamela D. Fitzgerald,

Federal Register Air Force Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Military Family Housing in the San Diego Region

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the DEIS for Military Family Housing (MFH) in the San Diego Region. The public meetings will be held to provide information, as well as receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the meeting. The public meetings will be open forums in that there will be no formal presentations; however, you may speak directly with representatives from the Navy and Marine Corps. There will be information booths on planning and environmental issues associated with the proposed action. A certified court reporter will also be available to take comments at the public meetings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Two public meetings will be held to provide additional information, answer questions, and receive oral and written comments. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at DePortola Middle School, 11010 Clairemont Mesa Blvd,